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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
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2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
4.  Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?

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7.  Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c).
8.   
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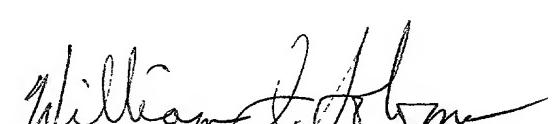
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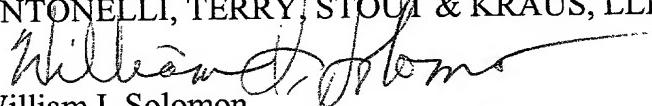
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Sir:

Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original Letters Patent of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,280. The Official Letters Patent will be returned in due course, prior to passing the Reissue application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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